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For: **device and method for estimating  
occurrence distribution of unascertained  
water and recording medium**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**In the Specification:**

After the title, please insert the following:

--The present patent application is a non-provisional application of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/009437, filed July 2, 2004.--

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